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/Jude J Jean-Gilles/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2443

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with attorney for the applicants, Cindy Kaplan on Friday November 13, 2009.

During a the interview with Mrs. kaplan, the Examiner was authorized to amend the independent claims as indicated below through an Examiner's amendment, adding the BGP identifier and static configuration parameters to the BGP peering information to establish a BGP peering session and further clarifying the claimed invention.

Proposed Examiner's Amendment

Please amend all claims of the application as follow:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of establishing a BGP (Border Gateway Protocol) mesh in a network, comprising:

receiving BGP peering information flooded from a BGP speaker, the BGP peering information comprising a BGP identifier and static configuration parameters used to establish a BGP peering session;

automatically discovering at least one neighbor utilizing said received BGP peering information; and

automatically establishing said BGP peering session with said at least one

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neighbor to establish a BGP mesh.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the network device is a router or route reflector.

Claim 4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (canceled).

Claim 6 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the BGP peering information comprises a flooding protocol.

Claim 7 (original): The method of claim 6, wherein the flooding protocol is OSPF or ISIS.

Claim 8 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the BGP peering information comprises a flooding scope.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein the BGP peering

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information comprises an autosynchronous system (AS) number or confederation sub-AS number.

Claim 10 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the BGP peering information comprises a force new peering flag and a new peering address.

Claim 11 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the BGP peering information comprises an originator flag.

Claim 12 (original): The method of claim 11, wherein the BGP peering information comprises an address family identifier.

Claim 13 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the BGP peering information comprises a route reflector flag.

Claim 14 (original): The method of claim 13, wherein the BGP peering information comprises an address family identifier.

Claim 15 (original): The method of claim 13, wherein the BGP peering information comprises a cluster identifier.

Claim 16 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the BGP peering

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information comprises an old BGP identifier.

Claim 17 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the BGP mesh is an iBGP mesh.

Claim 18 (currently amended): A network system that establishes a BGP (Border Gateway Protocol) mesh in a network, comprising:

a first network device flooding BGP peering information comprising a BGP identifier and static configuration parameters used to establish a BGP peering session; and

at least one other network device that receives the BGP peering information, automatically discovers at least one neighbor utilizing said received BGP peering information, and automatically establishes said BGP session with the at least one neighbor to establish a BGP mesh;

wherein at least one of the network devices is a BGP speaker.

Claim 19 (currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium encoded with a computer program that establishes a BGP (Border Gateway Protocol) mesh in a network, the computer program comprising:

computer code that configures a processor to receive BGP peering information flooded from a BGP speaker, the BGP peering information comprising a BGP identifier and static configuration parameters used to establish a BGP peering session;

computer code that configures a processor to automatically discover at least one neighbor utilizing said received BGP peering information; and

computer code that automatically establishes said BGP session with the at least one neighbor to establish a BGP mesh.

Claim 20 (currently amended): A network system that establishes a BGP (Border Gateway Protocol) mesh in a network, comprising:

means for receiving BGP peering information flooded from a BGP speaker, the BGP peering information comprising a BGP identifier and static configuration parameters used to establish a BGP peering session;

means for automatically discovering at least one neighbor utilizing said received BGP peering information; and

a means for automatically establishing said BGP session with the at least one neighbor to establish a BGP mesh.

Claim 21 (currently amended): A method of establishing a BGP (Border Gateway Protocol) mesh in a network, comprising:

receiving BGP peering information from a BGP speaker, the BGP peering information comprising a BGP identifier and static configuration parameters used to establish a BGP peering session;

analyzing the BGP peering information to identify at least one neighbor;

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performing a BGP session with the at least one neighbor to establish a BGP mesh; and

flooding the received BGP peering information to at least one other network device.

Claim 22 (canceled).

Claim 23 (currently amended): A network system that establishes a BGP (Border Gateway Protocol) mesh in a network, comprising:

a first network device that receives BGP peering information, the BGP peering information comprising a BGP identifier and static configuration parameters used to establish a BGP peering session, analyzes the BGP peering information to identify at least one neighbor, performs a BGP session with the at least one neighbor to establish a BGP mesh, and floods the BGP peering information; and

a second network device that receives the BGP peering information from the first network device;

wherein at least one of the network devices is a BGP speaker.

Claim 24 (currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium encoded with a computer program that establishes a BGP (Border Gateway Protocol) mesh in a network, the computer program comprising:

computer code that receives BGP peering information, the BGP peering

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information comprising a BGP identifier and static configuration parameters used to establish a BGP peering session;

computer code that analyzes the BGP peering information to identify at least one neighbor;

computer code that performs a BGP session with the at least one neighbor to establish a BGP mesh; and

computer code that floods the BGP peering information.

Claim 25 (currently amended): A network system that establishes a BGP (Border Gateway Protocol) mesh in a network, comprising:

means for receiving BGP peering information, the BGP peering information comprising a BGP identifier and static configuration parameters used to establish a BGP peering session;

means for analyzing the BGP peering information to identify at least one neighbor;

means for performing a BGP session with the at least one neighbor to establish a BGP mesh; and

means for flooding the received BGP peering information.

Claim 26 (currently amended): A method of establishing an iBGP (internal Border Gateway Protocol) mesh in a network, comprising:

receiving iBGP peering information flooded from a BGP speaker, the BGP

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peering information comprising a BGP identifier and static configuration parameters used to establish an iBGP peering session;

automatically discovering at least one neighbor utilizing said received BGP peering information; and

automatically establishing said iBGP session with the at least one neighbor to establish an iBGP mesh.

Claim 27 (currently amended): A network system that establishes an iBGP (internal Border Gateway Protocol) mesh in a network, comprising:

a first network device flooding iBGP peering information comprising a BGP identifier and static configuration parameters used to establish an iBGP peering session; and

at least one other network device that receives the iBGP peering information, automatically discovers at least one neighbor utilizing said received BGP peering information, and automatically establishes said iBGP session with the at least one neighbor to establish an iBGP mesh;

wherein at least one of the network devices is a BGP speaker.

Claim 28 (currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium encoded with a computer program that establishes an iBGP (internal Border Gateway Protocol) mesh in a network, the computer program comprising:

computer code that configures a processor to receive iBGP peering information

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flooded from a BGP speaker, the iBGP peering information comprising a BGP identifier and static configuration parameters used to establish an iBGP peering session;

computer code that configures a processor to automatically discover at least one neighbor utilizing said received BGP peering information; and

computer code that automatically establishes said iBGP session with the at least one neighbor to establish an iBGP mesh.

Claim 29 (currently amended): A network system that establishes an iBGP (internal Border Gateway Protocol) mesh in a network, comprising:

means for receiving iBGP peering information flooded from a BGP speaker, the iBGP peering information comprising a BGP identifier and static configuration parameters used to establish an iBGP peering session;

means for automatically discovering at least one neighbor utilizing said received BGP peering information; and

means for automatically establishing said iBGP session with the at least one neighbor to establish an iBGP mesh.

Cancelled Claims

Claims 2, 4, 5, and 22 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Allowed Claims

Claims 1, 3, 6-21, and 23-29 are allowed. Renumbered 1-25.

Reason for allowance

The closest prior art or record, Unbehagen does not disclose a method/ to establish a BGP (Border Gateway Protocol) or an iBGP (internal Border Gateway Protocol) that comprises receiving BGP peering information flooded from a BGP speaker, the BGP peering information comprising a BGP identifier and static configuration parameters used to establish a BGP peering session; automatically discovering at least one neighbor utilizing said received BGP peering information; and automatically establishing said BGP peering session with said at least one neighbor to establish a BGP mesh. Applicant's argument in the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) dated 09/25/2009 supports the reasons for allowance and states the BGP peering information is flooded from a BGP speaker. Further, the independent claims are amended per this examiner's amendment to include additional BGP peering information such as the BGP identifier to the static configuration parameters used to establish the BGP session. In addition the specification documents, fig. 3, and pages 3-4 and 10-11 support the teaching of the claimed invention.

The dependent claims further limit the independent claims and are considered allowable on the same basis as the independent claims as well as for the further limitations set forth.

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Conclusion

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The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tonia Dollinger, can be reached on (571) 272-4170. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-3301.

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